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Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2023

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

HISTORY

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- 1) Answer **any ten** questions each from Section **A** and Section **B**.
- 2) Each question carries **5** marks.
- 3) No additional Answer sheets will be provided.
- 4) Candidates should clearly indicate the section, Question number in the answer booklet.

Section – A

Research Methodology

Answer any **ten** questions. Each question carries **5** marks.

1. Explain the different stages of historical research.
2. Discuss the role of primary sources in historical writing.
3. How do you determine the authenticity of a document?
4. Comment on the interdisciplinary nature of historical research.
5. What are the different points to be kept in mind while selecting a topic for research?
6. Bring out the significance of citations in historical research.

7. Discuss the nature and classification of historical sources.
8. Explain the biases that lead to subjectivity.
9. Point out the role of bibliography in historical research.
10. Consider Structuralism as a theory of history.
11. What you mean by research ethics?
12. Examine the steps to be taken to avoid plagiarism in research.
13. Is history objective? Discuss.
14. Summarise the various methods of documentation in research.
15. Evaluate the importance of digital sources in contemporary historical studies.
(10 × 5 = 50 Marks)

Section – B

History

Answer any **ten** questions. Each question carries **5** marks.

1. Summarise the historiographical debate on the concept of 'Golden Age'.
2. Discuss the recent trends in Kerala historiography.
3. Explain the historical importance of *Rajatarangini*.
4. Analyse the structure of caste society in pie-Colonial Kerala.
5. Define environmental history.
6. Distinguish between colonialism and imperialism.
7. Examine the concept of 'History from Below'.
8. Trace the roots of communalism in modern India.

9. What do you know about Pattanam Archaeological Research?
10. Discuss the features of Globalisation.
11. Examine the contributions of Romila Thapar to the understanding of ancient Indian history.
12. Discuss the different theories regarding the decline of Indus civilization.
13. Explain the nature of colonial state under the British Raj.
14. Write a note on the material culture of the megalithic people.
15. Attempt a critique of Kerala Model development.

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